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WEEKLY SHORT STORY

A CONFESSION.

By Maurice Level.

When the door had been opened I hesitated a moment before entering. At first I could see only a lamp burning very low inside a dark shade, but as my eyes grew more used to the darkness I discovered in a corner the outlines of a thin, emaciated body and a face which plainly bore the marks of approaching death. The air of the room was filled with a penetrating smell of ether. I could hear only the monotonous sound of the rain beating against the windows and the howling of the wind in the chimney. "Sir," whispered the old woman who had led me in, "the gentleman you have been asking for is here now."

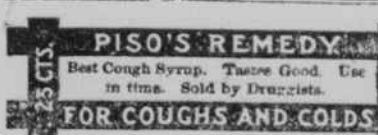
The prostrate figure suddenly sat up and said in a faint voice: "Thank you, Mme. Favart. Please leave us alone now."

When the old woman had closed the door the voice went on: "Please move a little closer. My eyesight is nearly gone, my ears buzz and it is very hard for me to speak. There is a chair close to my bed. Excuse me for troubling you, but I have a very important matter to tell you. His eyes opened wide, as if he tried to penetrate to mist that veiled his sight, as he turned his face toward me and murmured: "First of all, I am talking to Maitre Gernou, the lawyer?" "Yes, sir."

"Then I have a confession to make. I signed my letter to you, Pernier, but this is not my real name. Perhaps if death, which holds me in its grasp, might not change me so much, you might still remember my face. But it does not matter. Many years ago I was a district public prosecutor. I was one of the youngest men of whom much is expected, and I was determined to win a reputation as a clever official. I was waiting for a chance to show my ability, when an important case came up in my district. It was in a small town. The crime was commonplace enough and would have created no sensation in Paris, but there it was a great event, and I determined to win my first laurels. The trial had brought forth considerable evidence against the accused, but not enough to justify conviction on circumstantial evidence, and the accused stoutly maintained his innocence. The attorney for the defense made a very eloquent speech, which went straight to the heart of the audience. A wave of doubt, almost of sympathy, swept through the court room, and you know what this means."

"But a public prosecutor is not so easily moved. I brought out facts which greatly weakened the statements made by the defense. I pictured to the jurors the horrible details of the revolting crime, pointed to the whole previous life of the accused and proved that it was next to impossible for anybody else to have committed the crime. The attorney for the defense tried to disprove my statements, but his efforts were in vain; I had impressed the jury so strongly that they convicted the accused after a discussion of less than half an hour."

"If I felt some emotion when sentence was rendered, my pride soon silenced it. The outcome of the affair was at the same time a victory for justice and a triumph for me. On the morning of the execution I once saw the man. I was present when he was awakened, saw him dress and when I noticed how abnormally calm he was a terrible feeling of anguish came over me. I still remember



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who defended Trainelle." He nodded his head. "I know," he said, "and that is why I sent for you, for it was to you that I must confess. I was the prosecutor, Derront."

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ENGINEER HERO OF TRAIN HELD UP

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA.—Special.

With his right arm broken by a bullet from a bandit's revolver, Engineer D. Mansfield early today drove the Chicago and Northwestern fast mail train, No. 3, from Cedar Rapids and then fell fainting to the ground.

Early this morning, while speeding along at sixty miles an hour, six masked bandits crept over the tender, and, poking their revolvers at the engineer, a fireman, ordered them to stop the train. Instead, Mansfield opened fire and turned the engine on boiling water on them. The bandits tumbled from the engine and fell down an embankment, polluting a stony valley at the men in the tail of the mail of missiles flying all about them.

Bullets sang about the heads of Mansfield and his fireman, burning themselves in the woodwork of the cab.

The first bullet fired struck the engineer in the right arm, breaking the bone. Quickly bandaging it up with a handkerchief he ordered his fireman to fire the boilers in order to stop the locomotive and the steam she could carry. As they gathered momentum, and was soon out of range of the robbers' weapons.

The story of the attempted hold-up was told here by the train's fireman, and a posse was hastily organized. The country in the neighborhood is thickly wooded, and all the bandits were believed to be destroyed, the members of the posse were heavily armed.

Authorities believe that the bandits are Chicago criminals, who expected to get heavy booty by dynamiting the express safe and looting the postal cars on the train. The train on an early train, and then laid in wait for No. 3.

Mansfield was injured where he tended to, while another engineer took the train westward.

The contents of the express car, which is said to have carried a large amount of money.

WOMAN COLLEGE BILL DEFEATED

RICHMOND, VA.—Special.

Defeat overwhelming met the advocates of the proposition to provide for a co-ordinate college for women at the University of Virginia today.

The Senate took up the matter, and went right after it in a manner which indicated that the opponents had the whip hand and were able to take care of the situation.

The vote was 20 to 14, with two pairs announced by the senators, as follows:—Senators Blanks, Crockett, Cummings, Drewry, Early, Gravatt, Harman, Paul, Rison, Saunders, Smith, Tucker, Walker and West—14.

Senators Bowers, Brock, Echols, Edmondson, Featherston, Fletcher, Folkes, Garratt, Gay, Hart, Hobbs, Holt, Mann, Massie, Moncure, Montague, Parr, Sowder, Tamm and Watkins—20.

Because of displacement of the special order—the State co-ordinate college for women—the Senate today suddenly found itself face to face with a vote on the proposition.

The measure was taken up about 1 o'clock, and after a little conference, just as Senator Rison had begun his argument, Senator Fletcher moved that a vote on the proposition be taken at 2 o'clock.

Then there were two conferences by the leaders of the advocates and the opponents, and a division of time was agreed as half an hour to each side.

Senator Early moved that the bill go over till tomorrow, but the Senate refused to agree to that proposition.

Senator Rison then announced that he had determined to support the matter to the Senate without any argument.

A BAD THING TO NEGLECT

Don't neglect the kidneys when you notice lack of control over the secretions. Passages become too frequent; or scanty; or with gravel; or urine is discolored and sediment appears. No other medicine for such troubles like Doan's Kidney Pills.

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MISSOURI SENDS DELEGATES FOR CLARK

JOPLIN, MO.—Special.—The Democratic State convention yesterday elected eight delegates-at-large to the Baltimore convention, each with half power.

The convention unanimously adopted a platform pledging Clark unanimous support. The delegates are Senator William Stone, United States Senator James A. Reed, former Governor A. M. Dockery, Louis Stephens, of St. Louis; former Governor David R. Francis, William T. Kemper, Kansas City banker; Gilbert S. Karber, Joplin, and Judge Virgil R. Rule, St. Louis.

Edward F. Goltra was elected national committeeman by acclamation. The platform also favors home rule for cities and communities, and congratulates the people of Ireland on their triumph over the British.

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6th and the Virginia Legislature on March 7th. Under such conditions the same speech might practically be used for both occasions, making due reference to "territory and canvas back ducks" when talking in Maryland, and to the "magnificent mineral resources of the great Southwest" when talking in Virginia.—Staunton Dispatch.

Give us a game law that will protect. Such law would be in the interest of economy, to say nothing of the considerations of finer quality. It is a shame on us to let the pot-hunter destroy the game for the gold that it puts into his lazy pocket.—Newport News Times-Herald.

Congressman Berger, the so-called Socialist, has attacked the standing army. We look askance at Berger, but feel that he is very nearly right in saying that Texas alone could whip Mexico in case of an attack from that side, and New York could do the job if Canada were to attempt to run over us. If this is true—and who doubts it?—why should we spend \$400,000,000 for militarism while we are giving less than half that sum to the schools? Lingualism in national affairs is expensive and foolish.—Charlottesville Progress.

That the blushing bride of today is not expected to give her promise true and honoring the man of her choice is the consensus of opinion among the clergymen of Washington who are interested in a dispatch from London that the word "obey" probably would be stricken from the marriage service of the Church of England.—Washington Herald.

We hope that the poor little world will be stricken also from the marriage service of this country. It is a superfluity, it is a mockery and a good man who takes a wife is misled by it.—Newport News Times-Herald.

Missouri lined up for Champ Clark in no uncertain way yesterday. The "Show Me" delegation will go to Baltimore bound by ironclad resolutions to the Speaker's candidacy for the presidential nomination. With his State solidly behind him, Mr. Clark will now proceed to enter the lists in other States and contend for their support as well.

Upon the broad ground of upholding Democratic practice, therefore, we earnestly express the hope that the members of this Assembly will not commit the serious error of denying a right (the enabling act) which they themselves have no right to deny.—Lynchburg Advance.

As "Mother of Presidents" Virginia acted strangely in defeating an equal suffrage bill.—New Orleans Item.

The Salisbury Post is warring a campaign against dogs. Which shows conclusively that the editor of the Post does not intend to go to political office.—Twin City Sentinel.

Does anyone know of any reduction in the cost of bath tubs as a result of the present war on the bath tub trust?—Times-Union.

The Agricultural Department advocates intensive culture and seems to practice it in its large production of trouble.—Huntington (W. Va.) Advertiser.

Some of the candidates for President don't particularly like the name of Lincoln, but Washington sounds good to all of them.—Kansas City Journal.

It is dangerous to blow folks up—whether with dynamite or hot air—the former kills 'em, and in using the latter you are liable to get hurt yourself.—Greensboro News.

Sometimes none of the ladies at the theater will put on her hat until the curtain has actually dropped, and then the men will be surprised enough.—Charleston News and Courier.

A great many people think that "thou shalt not kill" does not apply to time.—News and Courier.

You've often wondered how English sports would taste? Well, did you ever eat any food offered at a Boston hotel menu as "red birds"?—Asheville Citizen.

What will become of the old-fashioned feature writer who used to spread himself about the tankard and the horse being king; and fashion in house—still in dress suits?—Atlanta Journal.

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Woman's Department. Thirty Years Without Proposal. In the February Woman's Home Companion Margaret E. Sangster, writing in an article on "Sweethearts and Wives," tells about the timidity of certain lovers and makes the following report of a Virginia man who cherished a passion for a woman of rare loveliness for thirty years. He made a call upon her once a week. Mrs. Sangster goes on to say:

"He dismounted from his horse at her door and, a servant took charge of it. He was a tall, slender young man, with a high forehead, and a pair of eyes that were gray and deep-set. He was a man of the old school, and he was a man of the old school."

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